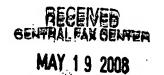
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IN THE CLAIMS

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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 a steering wheel;
- a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism;
- a first electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said steering shaft or between said steering shaft and said rack-and-pinion mechanism; and
- a second electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said rack shaft.
- 2. (Previously presented) An electric power steering apparatus comprising: a steering wheel;
- a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism; and

two electric motors positioned adjacent and connected to said rack shaft through transmission mechanisms and a single ball screw, wherein the electric motors have respective motor shafts extending parallel to the rack shaft.

- (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 a steering wheel;
- a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft, a pinion shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism having a pinion formed on said pinion shaft; and
- two electric motors for producing motive powers to be applied to said pinion shaft, said two electric motors being connected to said pinion shaft with said pinion

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positioned therebetween.

- 4. (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising: a steering wheel;
- a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft;
 - a pinion shaft connected to said rack shaft through a rack-and-pinion mechanism;

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- a first electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said pinion shaft; and
- a second electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said rack shaft through a ball screw.
- 5. (Currently amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 1 2, wherein the transmission mechanisms comprise two belt transmission mechanisms each having a driving pulley connected to the motor shaft of a respective one of the two electric motors, a driven pulley mounted to a nut of the ball screw, and a belt running over the driving and driven pulleys.
- 6. (Currently amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 2 5, wherein the belts of the two belt transmission mechanisms transmit powers from the respective electric motors to the nut at different longitudinal portions thereof.